

On March 15, 2011 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Cancer Institute announced the availability of funding for the Strategic Partnering to Evaluate Cancer Signatures (*Catalog for Federal Domestic Assistance numbers 93.394 and 93.395*). The purpose of this program is to build on recent demonstrations that molecular signatures correlate with important clinical parameters in cancer. The goal of this initiative is also to create publications and data sets that will be available and accessible to the scientific community in order to further the development, design, and conduct of future clinical trials (e.g., incorporation of molecular signatures into future clinical trials and large clinical validation studies) and to encourage appropriate commercialization to benefit the public health.

The application deadline is June 15, 2012.

Eligible applicants include historically black colleges and universities. To request an application package, visit

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